

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for designing a logic circuit comprising:
2 maintaining a data structure representative of a model,
3 the model including combinational blocks, state elements and
4 graphical library elements of the logic circuit; and
5 generating an architectural model and an implementation
6 model from the data structure.

1 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the data structure
2 comprises a description of a net list.

1 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the data structure
2 comprises:
3 elements representing logical functions;
4 elements representing connection points to gates;
5 elements representing all bits of a simulation state; and
6 elements representing an arbitrary collection of bits
7 within the simulation state.

1 1 4. The method of claim 4 wherein the elements are all C++
2 classes.

1 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the architectural model
2 comprises C++ software code.

1 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the implementation model
2 comprises Hardware Design Language (HDL) .

1 1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the HDL is Verilog.

1 8. The method of claim 6 wherein the HDL is Very high speed
2 integrated circuit Hardware Design Language (VHDL) .

1 9. A method comprising:

2 specifying a model containing combinatorial blocks, state
3 elements and graphical library elements;
4 maintaining a descriptive net list of the model; and
5 generating a C++ model and a Verilog model from the
6 descriptive net list.

1 10. The method of claim 9 further comprising displaying the
2 model on a graphical user interface (GUI).

1 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the net list comprises
2 gates, nodes and nets.

1 12. The method of claim 9 wherein maintaining comprises
2 parsing and analyzing the combinatorial blocks, state elements
3 and graphical library elements of the model.

1 13. The method of claim 9 wherein generating comprises:
2 partitioning a topology of the net list into a plurality of
3 partitions; and
4 code ordering each of the partitions.

1 14. A computer program product residing on a computer
2 readable medium having instructions stored thereon which, when
3 executed by the processor, cause the processor to:
4 specify a model containing combinatorial blocks, state
5 elements and graphical library elements;

6 maintain a descriptive net list of the model; and
7 generate a C++ model and a Verilog model from the
8 descriptive net list.

1 15. The computer product of claim 14 wherein the computer
2 readable medium is a random access memory (RAM) .

1 16. The computer product of claim 14 wherein the computer
2 readable medium is a read only memory (ROM) .

1 17. The computer product of claim 14 wherein the computer
2 readable medium is a hard disk drive.

1 18. A processor and memory configured to:
2 specify a model containing combinatorial blocks, state
3 elements and graphical library elements;
4 maintain a descriptive net list of the model; and
5 generate a C++ model and a Verilog model from the
6 descriptive net list.

1 19. The processor and memory of claim 18 wherein the
2 processor and memory are incorporated into a personal
3 computer.

1 20. The processor and memory of claim 18 wherein the
2 processor and memory are incorporated into a network server
3 residing in the Internet.

1 21. The processor and memory of claim 18 wherein the
2 processor and memory are incorporated into a single board
3 computer.

1 22. A system comprising:

2 a graphic user interface (GUI) for receiving parameters
3 from a user to generate a model and displaying the model, the
4 model containing combinatorial blocks, state elements and
5 graphical library elements;

6 a maintenance process to manage a data structure
7 representing a descriptive net list of the model; and

8 a code generation process to generate a C++ model and a
9 Verilog model from the data structure.

1 23. The system of claim 22 wherein the data structure
2 comprises gates, nodes and nets.

1 24. The system of claim 22 wherein the maintenance process
2 comprises parsing and analyzing the combinatorial blocks,
3 state elements and graphical library elements of the model.

1 25. The system of claim 22 wherein the code generation
2 process comprises:

3 partitioning a topology of the net list into a plurality
4 of partitions; and

5 code ordering each of the partitions.

1 26. A data structure comprising:

2 elements representing logical functions of a logic model;

3 elements representing connection points to gates of the
4 logic model;

5 elements representing all bits of a simulation state of
6 the logic model; and

elements representing an arbitrary collection of bits
within the simulation state of the logic model.

27. The data structure of claim 26 wherein the elements are
stored in a binary tree.

28. The data structure of claim 26 wherein the elements are
stored in a linked list.